

REMARKS

Claims 4-6, 10-22, 29, 30, 47, and 49-64 are pending in this application.

Claims 4-6, 10-22, 29, 30, 47, and 49-62 have been previously allowed, and Claims 63 and 64 have been added to provide the Applicant with a more complete scope of protection.

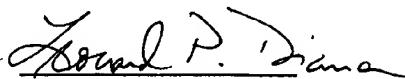
Claims 63 and 64 are similar to light-scanning optical apparatus Claims 17 and 47, respectively, but are directed to an image forming apparatus. Claim 48 has been canceled, and its recitation incorporated into base Claim 47. Claim 17 has been amended as to terminology. In particular, the term "fθ lens system" has been amended to read --first optical system--, and the term "optical system" has been amended to read --second optical system--. Similar terminology changes have been made to Claim 47. Claim 52 has been amended to ensure consistency of terminology, and in particular, the term "said focusing optical system" has been amended to read --said second optical system--. Further, Claims 29 and 30 have been amended to depend from new Claim 63, and Claims 61 and 62 have been amended to depend from new Claim 64. Claims 17, 47, 63, and 64 are in independent form. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 4-6, 10-22, 29, 30, 47, and 49-62 remain allowable, and that Claims 63 and 64 are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable further consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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